

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11 (cancelled)

12. (new) An arrangement in connection with a crosscutting saw of a harvester, a harvester head therein comprising a saw casing and a chainsaw, arranged therein in a rotational manner, and a guide bar and a chain wheel, the saw casing comprising strips on a cutting plane substantially flush with a rotational plane of a chain of the chainsaw, the strips being arranged in the saw casing in such a manner that their longitudinal axis is substantially parallel to the rotational axis of the chain wheel, **wherein** the strips are arranged to provide a lattice-like structure in the saw casing, the structure extending at least over the rotational plane of the chain of the chainsaw, substantially each movement path tangent generated at a lower edge in the guide bar of the chain or at an outer track on the side of the saw casing in the chain wheel being arranged to encounter a surface in the strip, however, such that the strips are arranged to overlap in the saw casing in such a manner that at least one gap deviating from said tangential movement path remains between the strips, from which sawdust or other impurities flowing to the saw casing during sawing are allowed to be discharged from the saw casing.

13. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **wherein** the strip is arranged substantially radially relative to the chain

wheel.

14. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 13, **wherein** the strip is arched or is bent onto an extension of a movement path tangent generated at a lower edge in the guide bar of the chain or at an outer track on the side of the saw casing in the chain wheel.

15. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **wherein** the strips are arranged in the saw casing as a cover-like structure that is substantially parallel to the rotational axis of the chain wheel, the strips being arranged substantially in the radial direction of the chain wheel on at least two planes in such a manner that at least one gap remains between the strips.

16. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **wherein** the strips are fastened substantially rigidly to the saw casing.

17. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 16, **wherein** the strips are fastened to the saw casing in a manner not enabling disassembly, preferably by welding.

18. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 16, **wherein** the strips are fastened to the saw casing in a manner enabling disassembly with a mechanical fastening, preferably a screw fastening.

19. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **wherein** the protective structure comprises strips arranged in a common frame structure for generating an integral whole to be fastened to the saw casing.

20. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **wherein** the

strips are made from the same material as the surrounding saw casing.

21. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **w h e r e i n** the strips are made from a composite material.

22. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 12, **w h e r e i n** the strips are coated with an elastic coating.

23. (new) An arrangement as claimed in claim 18, **w h e r e i n** the mechanical fastening is a screw fastening.